

THE VOICE OF THE ORIENT

journals he found thirty-
three kinds of
tulips.

In his favourite " Garden of
Fidelity"
orange trees and pomegranates
clustered round
a lake, and the carpet was soft
with clover.
At the " Fountain of the Three
Friends " three
kinds of trees grew : planes, dates,
and the
flowering " archwan," the only place
where the
last two grew.. Baber said he knew
no place
on earth to compare with it
when the
yellow and red of the flowers
appeared. He
loved colour. He built on the side
of a hill
near Cabul a little cistern of red
granite, and
this he filled from time to time
with red
wine. On the sides of the
cistern he
chiselled :

Sweet is the New Year's coming,
Sweet is the smiling Spring,
Sweet is the juice of the mellow grape,
Sweeter far the voice of Love,
O ! Baber, seize life's pleasures,
Which, once departed, can never, alas!
return.

To his son Humayun he gave as his
earliest
guerdon the Koh-i-Noor, which the
dutiful son
had brought to his father, given
him by the
Raja Bikramajit, in return for aid.
It was
valued at " half the daily

expenditure of the
whole world/3 Later Baber gave
Humayun

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